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EVERTON ELECTION.

LONDON, 16th February. The election for a member of the House of Commons to represent the Everton division of Liverpool, in the place of the late Edward Whitley, resulted in the return of Mr. Wilcox (Conservative), unopposed.

At the last general election, in 1886, the late member, Mr. Whitley (Conservative) was returned unopposed.

THE EASTBOURNE SALVATIONISTS.

LONDON, 16th February. In consequence of the continued disturbances at Eastbourne arising out of the Sunday processions of the Salvation Army, which are prohibited by the Eastbourne Municipal Council, a plebiscite was held there on the question of repealing the obnoxious clause of the Act. Only 1,000 votes showed that an immense majority of the residents are opposed to the repeal.

A PACIFIC ISLANDS SYNDICATE.

LONDON, 17th February. A Pacific Islands Syndicate, with a capital of £100,000, has been registered, a director being the Earl of Alton, Mr. J. C. Spencer, a Member of the London and General Banking Company, and the Marquis of St. L. Tres. The objects of the syndicate are to acquire mineral rights and land for growing fruit, to operate banks and all kinds of exploration and mercantile business in the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Mr. John Higgins, Mr. Joseph E. Smith, and Mr. Joseph E. Smith are the managing directors.

EXTRAORDINARY AURORA.

LONDON, 15th February. News has been received from America that astonishing displays of the Aurora Borealis are being witnessed there. The auroral displays are attributed to the unusual number and extent of the spots on the sun, which now cover one-fifth of its diameter.

SUCCESSION OF A NAVAL OFFICER.

BOMBAY, 28th February. Paymaster Taek, the newly appointed Paymaster to H.M.S. *Marathon*, which is stationed here, while on his way to his vessel, on Sunday last jumped overboard from the ship and was drowned. A man who had just been condemned with the cry of "man overboard" was raised. The aurora were stopped and the boy's throat cut, and a boat lowered, but Mr. Taek was not seen to rise again. After a considerable pause the boys were picked up and the vessel proceeded on her way. The unfortunate officer has been ill for some time.

NOTICES ASSIGNED ON A JUDGMENT.

ROMAY, 29th February. Mr. Vennin, Commissioner of the Nagpur division, was the other day trying a man at Chanda, a native station, for murder. He had completed the hearing and expressed his intention to deliver judgment on Monday, when the prisoner suddenly picked up an ax, with which he struck the judge, and was about to attack Mr. Vennin, striking him on the head with it. Colonel Thomas, Deputy Commissioner, witnessed the act and ran to Mr. Vennin's assistance, but not before the judge had received a severe scalp wound. Colonel Thomas struggled with the man who had sustained a severe and painful wound, and with the aid of the police the man was seized. The ax had struck the victim, the blow was aimed at Mr. Vennin, and so descended obliquely, instead of direct. It felled him, however, and the man was standing over Mr. Vennin with uplifted ax ready to strike, and blow when Colonel Thomas seized him.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT IN INDIA.

ATLANTA, 11th February.

The Legislative Assembly has set in hand the consolidation of the Merchant Shipping Acts of India. The Bill will embody a large number of the Acts of the Legislature, and as these Acts affect shipowner and shipmaster in every part of their daily work, it will be a great convenience to know exactly what the law is, where to find it, and who are the officials and other men who have a right to administer the law.

The task is a big one and as amendment must accompany consolidation, the authorities concerned have to go very careful through the preliminary draft of the Bill before it is published and introduced into Council.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

LONDON, 15th February. Mr. Morland, a tutor at Oxford, who was recently in New Zealand, was brought up to day, charged with wilfully, feloniously, blackmailing, and was remanded.

The death is announced of Mr. Frederick A. Hawley, M.P., for the Cheltenham division of Surrey.

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